

**Senate Bill No. 1415**

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Passed the Senate      August 23, 2004

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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This bill was received by the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2004, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_M.

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*Private Secretary of the Governor*

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

An act to add Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 66725) to Chapter 9.2 of Part 40 of the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1415, Brulte. Postsecondary education: Donahoe Higher Education Act: common course numbering system.

Existing law, known as the Donahoe Higher Education Act, sets forth, among other things, the missions and functions of California's public and independent segments of higher education, and their respective institutions of higher education. Provisions of the act apply to the University of California only to the extent that the Regents of the University of California, by appropriate resolution, act to make a provision applicable.

Existing law requires the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to develop, maintain, and disseminate a general common course numbering system for use by community college districts.

This bill would provide that, not later than June 1, 2006, the California Community Colleges and the California State University shall adopt, and the University of California and private postsecondary institutions may adopt, a common course numbering system for the 20 highest-demand majors in the respective segments. The bill would further require each campus of a public postsecondary educational institution to incorporate the common course numbering system in its catalogue. The bill would specify that the incorporation of these numbers into a campus catalogue would occur at the next adoption of a campus catalogue after June 1, 2006.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 66725) is added to Chapter 9.2 of Part 40 of the Education Code, to read:



# Article 1.5. Common Course Numbering System

66725. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to facilitate articulation and seamless integration of California's postsecondary institutions by facilitating the adoption and integration of a common course numbering system among the public and private postsecondary institutions. The purpose of building and implementing a common course numbering system is to provide for the effective and efficient progression of students within and among the higher education segments and to minimize duplication of coursework.

(b) The Legislature finds and declares both of the following:

(1) Effective transfer programs provide a clear path for obtaining the preparation necessary for upper-division major coursework and graduation at a four-year college or university. The segments have made significant progress in developing articulation agreements that specify required coursework and other academic preparation necessary for transfer students to succeed at a four-year institution. These articulation agreements are essential to provide the basis for a common course numbering system that facilitates transfer student success.

(2) In implementing this article, the public postsecondary educational institutions and other parties involved should assess programs and build upon those proving to be the most effective in communicating articulation, such as the California Articulation Number (CAN) system, the Intersegmental Major Preparation Articulated Curriculum (IMPAC) project, the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC), and the Articulation System Stimulating Interinstitutional Student Transfer (ASSIST).

66725.3. (a) Not later than June 1, 2006, the California Community Colleges and the California State University shall adopt, and the University of California and private postsecondary institutions may adopt, a common course numbering system for the 20 highest-demand majors in the respective segments.

(b) Not later than June 30, 2006, the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and the Trustees of the California State University shall, and the Regents of the University of California are requested to, report to the Legislature on the status of the activities of their respective segments as they relate to



subdivision (a) and on the plans of their respective segments to implement a common course numbering system for the majors that are not covered by subdivision (a).

(c) Each campus of a public postsecondary educational institution shall incorporate the common course numbering system in its catalogue. This incorporation into a campus catalogue shall occur at the next adoption of a campus catalogue after June 1, 2006.



Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2004

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*Governor*

